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As of October 1948 Dr. Friedrich Asinger was director of a group of German heavy water specialists working in Kursk, Russia. Dr. Asinger, who had been first in Kursk, then in Moscow, was charged with the direction of the Kursk group at an unspecified date in 1948.

In this position, he followed Dr. Herold who, for unknown reasons, fell in disgrace with the Russians around the end of 19/7. Herold was director of the Leuna works research institute under the German regime. He was brought to Russia with other heavy water scientists and technicians probably at the end of 1946. He went first to Kursk where he established a heavy water research institute, and later to Moscow. At the end of 1947 when he fell in disgrace with the Russians, he was moved east, presumably to Siberia.



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